

ROCKLAND COUNTY

FARM STATISTICS

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Rockland County lies in the Hudson Valley Region bordering New York City. In 1998, there were 600 acres in farms, one percent of the county's total 111,360 acres. There were 25 farms in the county averaging 24 acres per farm. Rockland county ranks 56th in the state for number of farms and 56th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$2.4 million. Total sales averaged \$112,448 per farm. The leading products sold were: vegetables, nursery and greenhouse, and fruits and berries.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$1,391,986. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$56,293 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$1.6 million for an average of \$75,942 per farm. The Census showed 43 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 58.7 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$32,645.

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FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	355	18,711	5/	5/	5,325	5/
1950	408	17,376	9,170	602	4,702	2,902
1959	100	6,852	4,000	600	1,281	971
1969	50	4,022	2,692	5/	939	5/
1978	37	1,069	679	140	95	155
1982	36	933	689	5/	-	5/
1987	30	1,200	800	-	200	200
1992	30	900	600	-	300	-
1993	30	900	600	-	300	-
1994	30	800	500	-	200	100
1995	30	800	500	-	200	100
1996	25	700	500	-	100	100
1997	25	600	400	-	100	100
1998	25	600	400	-	100	100

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured. 3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	14	11
\$10,000 to \$49,999	7	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-	1
\$100,000 or more	6	6
Farms Reporting	27	21

U. S. Census of Agriculture

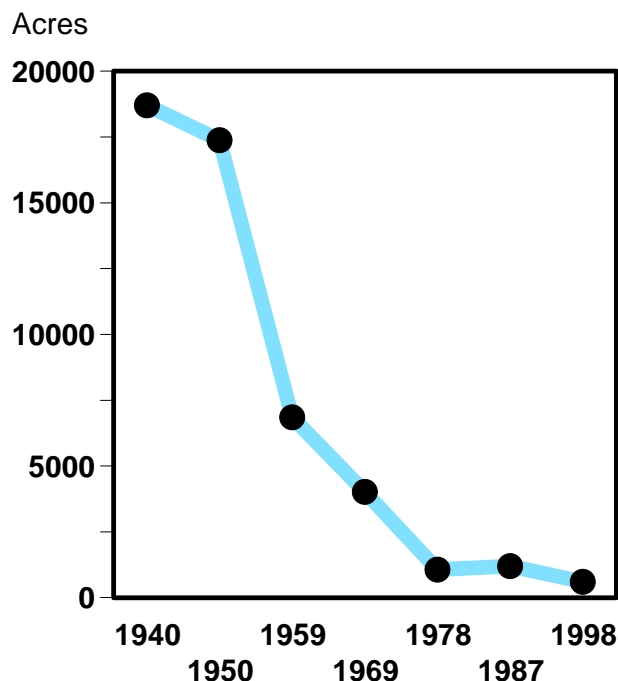
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, Rockland County's population ranked 9 th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	74,300	427
1950	89,300	513
1960	136,800	786
1970	229,900	1,321
1980	259,500	1,491
1990	265,500	1,526
1998	281,338	1,617

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



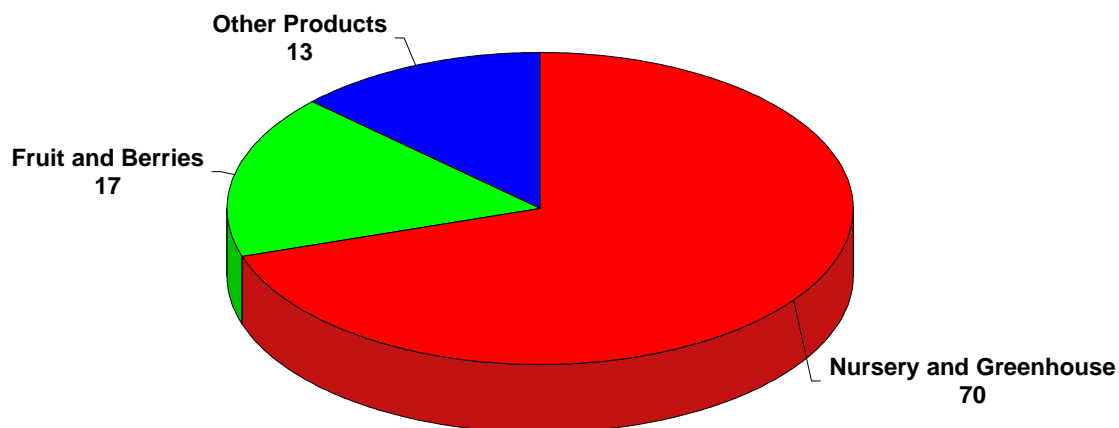
Leading Agricultural Products

Product	1997 Sales	Percent of All Products	County Rank
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Nursery and Greenhouse	1,644	70	30
Fruit and Berries	401	17	25
Other Products	297	13	
Total Sales	2,342		

1997 Census of Agriculture

Leading Agricultural Products

Percent of All Products



EQUINE: Inventory and Value, 1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
56	56	-	-

